

# We the People LIBERTY COLORADO

## News for the 21st Century Libertarian

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### 2005 LPCO Convention

by Lane Mills, 2005 WSLP Chairman

**S** When you were a younger child than you are, did you ever have cousins or family friends come to stay with you and your family? Maybe it was during summer vacation or a special event like a wedding. When we were told our cousins were coming for a short visit, we would be delirious with anticipation.

**P** One summer, when we lived at the Rio Mesa Ranch just south of Blythe, California, we hosted our cousins from Los Angeles. We six brothers spent hours planning for their visit. We lived near public and private land which offered recreational activities such as fishing, hiking and hunting. We did those things and more with our cousins, sharing our home and our laughter. My dad was a guitar man and my mom sang like a diva, and since many of our relatives and friends were musicians, we always had great music during these visits. What a blast!

**R** Now, nearly 40 years later, I feel that same anticipation of sharing the things we know and love with those of our kind. We are delighted looking forward to your visit.

**I** The Western Slope Libertarian Party (WSLP) and the Libertarian Party of Delta County (LPDeCo) invite you, our cousins country and city statewide, to Montrose, Colorado Friday, May 6 through Sunday, May 8 for the Libertarian Party of Colorado's 2005 State Convention and Wild West Liberty Fest at Friendship Hall at the Montrose County Fairgrounds, 1001 N. 2nd Street. Please refer to the schedule of events and the display advertisement in this issue of "Liberty," for an at-a-glance rundown of events we are planning. We are striving to offer a "Wild West" experience for you as you visit.

**N** Please remember that we have not planned anything on this scale, ever. We are volunteers. We are going to make mistakes. Please, if we have done something you judge as 'wrong,' point out our shortcoming but first tell us what a great job we are doing and by all means offer a remedy, okay?

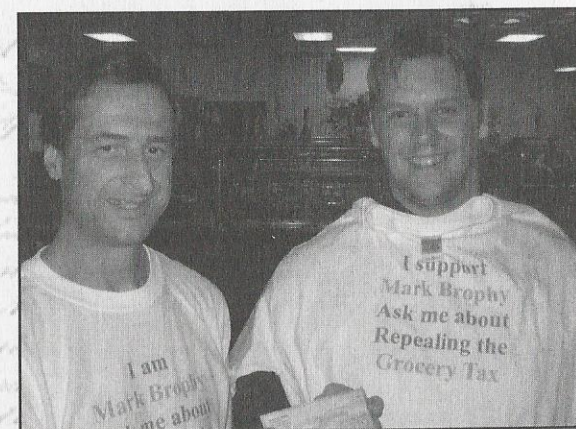
**G** Please visit [www.lpc02005.org](http://www.lpc02005.org) for the latest information. WSLP Vice Chairman Patrick Esser is the webmaster for the web site. We think you'll be impressed with the way it's set up. We are still planning and changes are bound to bump the schedule around a little, so please be patient.

**2** We are not charging a fee to attend the convention. I want to ask you to participate in our fundraising activities, like the banquet and dance, or as a vendor in the Liberty Trade Fair.

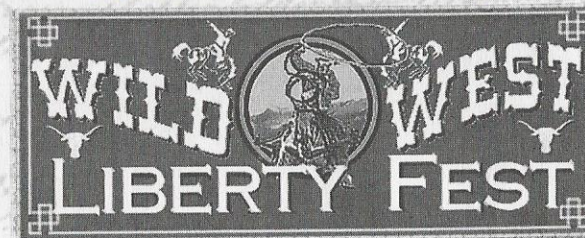
**0** The LPCO 2005 State Convention and Wild West Liberty Fest officially kicks off at Noon Friday, May 6 with Liberty Jam 2005, a rock 'n' roll concert/outreach event with free admission at Friendship Hall. Liberty Jam is scheduled to end at 11 p.m. WSLP member Eddy LaBarr, whose band Toxic Zebra will perform, is coordinating

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### Mark Brophy for Mayor!



Libertarian Mark Brophy (left) is running for mayor of Fort Collins. Brophy has received a wave of support for his mayoral candidacy because of his leadership in the initiative to eliminate the city's grocery tax. Travis Nicks, Libertarian candidate for House District 37 in 2004, joined Brophy to show his support and donate to his campaign.



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## Notes From the Chair

by Norm Olsen

While I have been around for a long time (some people think since before George Washington), I don't know that the LPCO has ever had a convention on the western slope. Our 2002 convention in Leadville got us pretty close, but not quite. That's going to change for sure on May 7th 2005.

We have many active and dedicated Libertarians in Montrose, Delta, Gunnison, San Miguel, Mesa, and other counties on the western slope. Last November we had a very aggressive county commissioner campaign in Saguache County. The Western Slope offers exciting opportunities for us to make a strong impact on the political scene by electing Libertarian candidates and getting ballot initiatives passed; actions which the media cannot ignore. I expect our 2005 convention in Montrose to be the kick-off for that success. Join us in Montrose as we begin this new era in Colorado politics.

The folks in Montrose and Delta counties are putting together four days full of activities and events so that front-range and western-slope Libertarians can get to know each other and share their commitment to liberty. No longer will "dem other guys" simply be a funny e-mail address. They will be real people, with faces, with personalities, with families, with egos, with emotions, and the usual set of human frailties. Real people we can work with, defend liberty with, cry with, and WIN with.

The business meeting is scheduled for 1PM on Saturday, May 7, 2005 expressly to enable folks to attend the meeting without having to stay overnight. A very long tough day for front rangers, but doable (for the young folk anyway). It is our sincere hope, and express intent, that this will enable every western slope member to attend and participate. **THERE IS NO FEE TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETING.** The media and general public are welcome to observe our meeting, but only members may actually participate. Membership will be based on the voter registration list we receive from the Secretary of State's office in March and the national LP membership list we receive in April. If your voter registration as a Libertarian is relatively new (since November), please ask your County Clerk for an affidavit of registration and bring it with you.

Five of the party's nine officers will be elected to two-year terms at the business meeting. These five officers are: State Chair, Campaigns Director, Media Director, Publications Director, and Treasurer. Check the web site at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org) for details on these positions. If you don't have Internet access, call me at 303-837-9393 x3 and leave your mailing address; I will have this information mailed to you.

While this is often used as a joke, it is true: **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE CONVENTION TO BE ELECTED.** If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, and you will not be able to join our kick-off in Montrose, contact me. As long as I know you are willing to serve, your nomination for office will be accepted. You can designate some one to nominate you, speak for your candidacy, and otherwise campaign for you. I can help you find people to do this for you. Call me; participate!

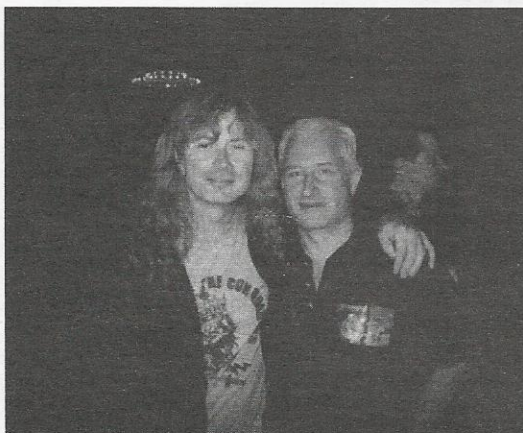
In addition to electing officers, I suspect some constitution and by-law changes may be proposed. It is traditional, and a general courtesy to the membership, that any such proposals be published on the web site as early as possible so that members can be aware of, comment on, suggest improvements, and organize support for or against any such proposal. Please communicate any such proposal to me as soon as possible.

Get out the hats, the jeans, the boots, the bandanas, and the firearms, and head for Montrose. We're going to have a great time. We're going to be a unified, fired-up political party after this one. Republicans and Democrats: Watch out and get out of the way! Liberty is coming back to Colorado!

For the most current convention information, visit [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org)

I need no warrant  
for being, and no word of  
sanction upon my being. I am  
the warrant and the sanc-  
tion. - Ayn Rand, Anthem  
[1946]

Dave Mustaine  
(of Megadeth)  
on election night with the  
2004 Libertarian candidate  
for US Senate from Colorado,  
Richard C Randall



I Exalt You!

Being a Libertarian, I am by my very nature "unconventional". On the evening of November 2nd, I had MY election night party at the Fillmore with the metal band "Megadeth". As I've been a fan of Megadeth for well over a decade, I was delighted to be fortunate enough to meet Dave Mustaine and the rest of the band after the concert. Dave Mustaine is VERY interested in politics (he kept the crowd informed of the election results DURING the concert) - and scolded those in the crowd who admitted that they had not voted.

Upon learning that I was the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Colorado, Dave thought for a moment and said to me: "I exalt you!"

Dave continued praising my involvement in politics and stressed the importance of working for change in our country. I believe that it is important for all of us who ran in this election to recognize that Dave is not alone in his praise for our efforts!

For all of you who voted for "real" change in this election, I exalt you!  
Richard C Randall, 2004 Libertarian Candidate for US Senate

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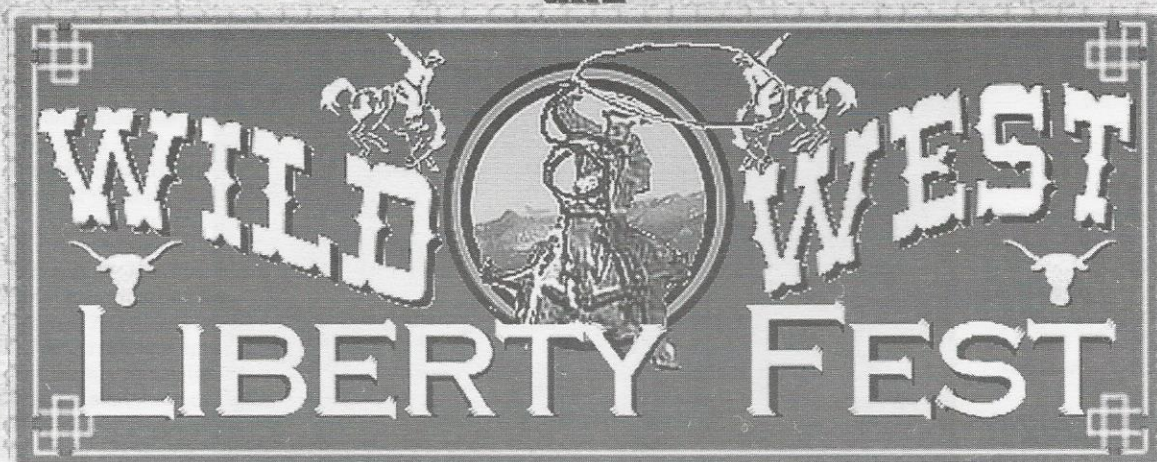
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






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There's an EXCELLENT opportunity during the LPCO State Convention & Wild West Liberty Fest!

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[www.LPCO2005.org](http://www.LPCO2005.org)  
for details!

-  **Liberty Jam** **Rock Concert - All Ages**  
**\*\* FREE ADMISSION \*\***
-  **Liberty Trade Fair** **FREE ADMISSION**
-  **Morning Session** **Keynote Speaker**  
**Michael Badnarik**
-  **LPCO Business Meeting** **Contact LPCO**  
**to register**
-  **Chuck Wagon Banquet** **Keynote Speaker**  
**Boston T. Party**
-  **Western Dance** **Music by Paul Nystrom**  
**& the Z-Bar Wranglers**
-  **Liberty Shoot** **Guest Range Master**  
**Boston T. Party**

**Events Advance Ticket Order**

Fundraising Events Prices:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Wild West Liberty Fest Chuck Wagon Banquet: \$30 each

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Main Dish (Please choose): ☐ BBQ Pork ☐ BBQ Beef

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Smoked Chicken ☐ Navajo Taco (Can be vegetarian)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Limited seating for Banquet—So get your tickets Now!**

Send Check/MO payable to WSLP

\*Wild West Liberty Fest Western Dance: \$15 each

WSLP Tickets, 2133 E. Main St., Montrose, CO 81401

Western Slope legends Paul Nystrom and Z Bar Wranglers

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will keep your toes tappin' and your face smiling!



# VOTE Travis Nicks State Chairman



## **Small Victories BIG CHANGE!!!**

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## 2004 ELECTION ROUND-UP

Nationally, the party fielded more than 1,000 candidates for federal, state and local office in 2004. Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik received approximately 400,000 votes, which is more than the Green and Constitution party candidates combined and an improvement on the party's vote total in 2000. Badnarik's name appeared on 48 state ballots, plus D.C., compared to 35 for Constitution Party candidate Michael Peroutka and 27 for Green Party candidate David Cobb.

In Colorado, the party offered more than 35 candidates for offices ranging from U.S. Senate to county commissioner. Several campaigns garnered more than 20 percent of the votes cast. Dan Cochran, Libertarian candidate for University of Colorado Regents (District 4), received 28 percent versus Republican candidate Tom Lucero's 72 percent. Libertarian candidate Robert Herzfeld, running for Colorado Senate (District 12), collected 22 percent against Republican Andy McElhany. For State House District 24, Libertarian candidate Shawn Elke Glazer received 21 percent of the vote in a race against Democrat Cheri Jahn.

The Libertarian candidate may have been the deciding factor in an extremely close race for State House District 23. Democrat candidate Gwyn Green narrowly won election with 48.39 percent of the vote against Republican Ramey Johnson, who received 48.24 percent. Libertarian Michael McKinzie received 3.36 percent or 933 votes. Green defeated Johnson by only 41 votes. Below are the results for races in which Libertarian candidates participated:

### U.S. SENATE

Pete Coors (R)	980668	46.53 %
Ken Salazar (D)	1081188	51.30 %
Victor Good (CRP)	6481	0.31 %
Douglas "Dayhorse" Campbell (ACP) 1	8783	0.89 %
Richard Randall (LIB)	10160	0.48 %
John R. Harris (IND)	8442	0.40 %
Finn Gotaas (UNA)	1750	0.08 %

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 2		
Mark Udall (D)	207900	67.20 %
Stephen M. Hackman (R)	94160	30.44 %
Norm Olsen (LIB)	7304	2.36 %
District 5		
Joel Hefley (R)	193333	70.54 %
Fred Hardee (D)	74098	27.04 %
Arthur "Rob" Roberts (LIB)	6627	2.42 %
District 6		
Tom Tancredo (R)	212778	59.48 %
Joanna L. Conti (D)	139870	39.10 %
Jack J. Woehr (LIB)	3857	1.08 %
Peter Shevchuk (ACP)	1236	0.35 %

University of Colorado Regent - At Large		
Jennifer Mello (D)	886516	47.59 %
Steve Bosley (R)	897172	48.16 %
Daniel Ong (LIB)	79077	4.25 %

University of Colorado Regent - District 4		
Tom J. Lucero (R)	182567	72.06 %
Dan Cochran (LIB)	70789	27.94 %

### COLORADO SENATE

District 12		
Andy McElhany (R)	34678	77.80 %
Robert G. Herzfeld (LIB)	9893	22.20 %

District 14		
Ray Martinez (R)	28539	40.96 %
Bob Bacon (D)	38719	55.57 %
Mark Brophy (LIB)	2419	3.47 %

District 17		
Brandon C. Shaffer (D)	34470	54.34 %
Sandy Hume (R)	26616	41.96 %
Bo Shaffer (LIB)	2352	3.71 %

District 35		
Ronald B. Olson (R)	18258	33.44 %
Ken Gordon (D)	34272	62.77 %
Kathleen Pierce (LIB)	2072	3.79 %

### COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 6		
Andrew Romanoff (D)	23782	69.96 %
Gregory Nathan Golyansky (R)	9391	27.63 %
Jeff Taton (LIB)	821	2.42 %

District 13		
Tom Plant (D)	31407	83.71 %
Rand Fanshier (LIB)	6113	16.29 %

District 15		
Bill Martin (D)	8944	29.27 %
Bill L. Cadman (R)	20782	68.00 %
Shawn R. Horen (LIB)	835	2.73 %

District 16		
Mary F. Hafner (D)	9510	35.90 %
Larry G. Liston (R)	16154	0.98 %
Scott Paul Graves (LIB)	826	3.12 %

District 17		
Glenn K. Kapu (D)	5014	36.51 %
Mark Cloer (R)	7955	57.92 %
Jessica Wheeler (LIB)	766	5.58 %

District 18		
Kent Douglas Lambert (R)	10867	41.56 %
Michael Merrifield (D)	14344	54.86 %
Keith Hamburger (LIB)	934	3.57 %

District 20		
David Fletcher-Janzen (D)	8049	19.97 %
Lynn Christian Hefley (R)	31062	77.07 %
Doug Jones (LIB)	1191	2.96 %

District 23		
Ramey Johnson (R)	13378	48.24 %
Gwyn Green (D)	13419	48.39 %
Michael T. McKinzie (LIB)	933	3.36 %

District 24		
Cheri Jahn (D)	8425	78.70 %
Shawn Elke Glazer (LIB)	4987	21.30 %

District 26		
Betty Boyd (D)	16606	55.67 %
Mike Smith (R)	12424	41.65 %
Doug Anderson (LIB)	799	2.68 %

District 37		
Thomas M. Donahue (D)	13883	39.59 %
Lauri Clapp (R)	20360	58.05 %
Travis L. Nicks (LIB)	828	2.36 %

District 38		
Joe Stengel (R)	19743	59.44 %
Glen L. Emerson (D)	12279	36.97 %
Frank Atwood (LIB)	1193	3.59 %

District 41		
E. C. Gaffney Jr. (R)	10404	38.40 %
Nancy J. Todd (D)	16066	59.29 %
Douglas F. Newman (LIB)	626	2.31 %

District 42		
Michael Garcia (D)	10255	65.73 %
Marie Evelyn Archuleta-Rossmiller (R)	4717	30.24 %

Randall Phelps (LIB)	629	4.03 %
District 45		
Penny Burley (D)	13057	29.58 %
James R. "Jim" Sullivan (R)	29761	67.42 %
Steven E. Lechner (LIB)	1325	3.00 %

District 49		
Kevin Lundberg (R)	20717	54.30 %
Doug Frisbie (D)	16382	42.93 %
Alberto Squassabia (LIB)	1057	2.77 %

District 52		
John Kefalas (D)	17522	47.78 %
Bob McCluskey (R)	18006	49.10 %
Jassen L. Bowman (LIB)	1145	3.12 %

District 60		
Emily Tracy (D)	14426	42.55 %
Tom Massey (R)	18455	54.44 %
Roger Easley (LIB)	1019	3.01 %

District 61		
Becky Rippey (R)	12320	36.70 %
Kathleen Curry (D)	20398	60.76 %
Dale F. Reed (LIB)	851	2.54 %

### Boulder County Commissioner

District 1		
Will Toor (DEM)	95813	77.60 %
Jeff Christen-Mitchell (LIB)	27401	22.20 %
Raymond L. Sarno (Write-in)	207	0.20 %

District 2		
Ben Pearlman (D)	83575	60.70 %
Roger Lange (R)	46244	33.60 %
Paul Tiger (LIB)	7875	5.70 %

Jefferson County Commissioner - District 1		
Jim Congrove (R)	120076	49.53 %
Scott Benefield (D)	106634	43.98 %
Tanya Ishikawa (GRN)	9228	3.81 %
Steven Gallant (LIB)	6497	2.68 %

Routt County Commissioner - District 1		
Nancy Stahoviak (R)	7471	72 %
Mike Kien (LIB)	2943	28 %

Saguache County Commissioner - District 1		
Sam Pace (D)	51 %	
Thomas E. Blunt (R)	41 %	
John (Jack) Wetherell (LIB)	8 %	

Weld County Commissioner - District 3		
Robert D. Masden (R)	54 %	
Cheryl Hauger (D)	38 %	
Bruce Lee Eckhart (LIB)	8 %	

For more national and state election results, visit: [www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/general/COLORADO-CUMULATIVE.htm](http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/general/COLORADO-CUMULATIVE.htm).  
For more county election results, visit: [www.ccionline.org/2004BR.pdf](http://www.ccionline.org/2004BR.pdf).

## KICKIN' IT LIBERTARIAN STYLE

### ~ Kick-Ball ~

If you would like to join other Libertarians (and libertarians) in an adult coed kickball league, call Frank Atwood at 720-260-1493.



# LPCO 2005 State Convention & Wild West Liberty Fest

## Schedule of Events

May 6-8 - Montrose, Colorado

Please visit [www.lpco2005.org](http://www.lpco2005.org) for updates. Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place at Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St., Montrose

### Friday, May 6

**3-11 PM: Liberty Jam**, Free rock 'n' roll concert featuring Toxic Zebra  
 7 PM: Reception, Super 8 Motel, 1705 E. Main, 249-9294. Our 'official' lodging host. Mention the Libertarian Convention when you call or register. Reception suite with a cash bar to welcome our guests after their long journey. Black Canyon Motel, 1605 E. Main, 249-3495, is our second 'official' lodging locale.

### Saturday, May 7

7 AM: Breakfast Special, Jojo's Windmill, 2133 E. Main, 240-8678. Our 'official' eatery and banquet caterer. Jojo plans to prepare special breakfast menu items for convention guests.

7 AM: Bookseller/Vendor set-up

8 AM: Liberty Trade Fair Opens

9 AM-NOON: Morning Session: Keynote Speaker 2004 LP Presidential Candidate Michael Badnarik. Other speakers TBA. LP/Green Debate/Forum (Pending).

### NOON: Lunch break

1PM-5PM: LPCO Business Meeting

6 PM: Wild West Liberty Fest Chuck Wagon Banquet. Cowboy Poet Jim Peters and Keynote Speaker Boston T. Party.

8-10 PM: Wild West Liberty Fest Western Dance. Music and entertainment by Paul Nystrom & the Z-Bar Wranglers.

### Sunday, May 8

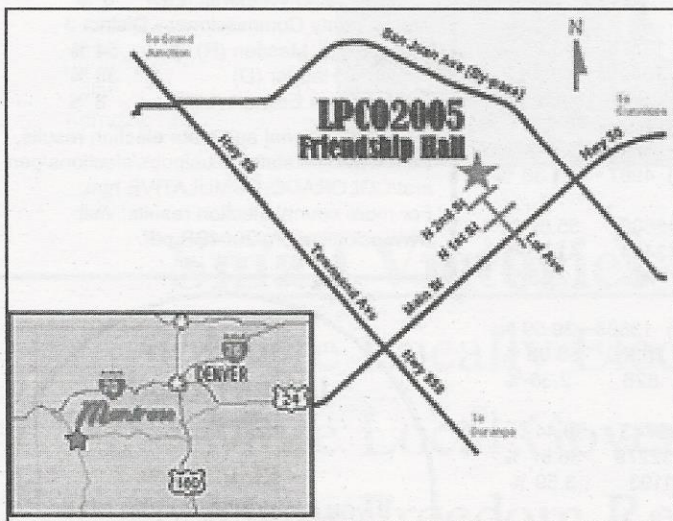
WSLP Wild West Liberty Fest Shooting Event near Montrose. Details TBA

LPDeCo Fishing Event in Delta County (Pending)

LPDeCo Guided Hike on Grand Mesa in Delta & Mesa counties (Pending)

SMCLP Event in San Miguel County (Pending)

Please check the website for updates on any changes to the schedule: [www.lpco2005.org](http://www.lpco2005.org)



"Those who, while they disapprove of the character and measures of a government, yield to it their allegiance and support are undoubtedly its most conscientious supporters, and so frequently the most serious obstacles to reform." - Henry David Thoreau, *Civil Disobedience*

## Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

Richard Randall, Legislative Director

On Oct. 8, Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. [D-Illinois] introduced a bill (H.R. 5293, the Majority Vote Act of 2004) that would require all states to conduct general elections for federal office using an instant runoff voting [IRV] system. If approved as presented, the legislation would require all states to comply by 2008. Read the full story at: [www.lp.org/lpnews/0501/irv.html](http://www.lp.org/lpnews/0501/irv.html)

How does IRV work? Voters rank candidates in order of preference: 1, 2, 3 and so on. It takes a majority to win. If anyone receives a majority of the first choice votes, that candidate is elected. If not, the last place candidate is defeated, just as in a runoff election, and all ballots are counted again, but this time each ballot cast for the defeated candidate counts for the next choice candidate listed on the ballot. The process of eliminating the last place candidate and recounting the ballots continues until one candidate receives a majority of the vote. With modern voting equipment, all of the counting and recounting takes place rapidly & automatically.

What does this mean? Under the current system of voting, many vote for the candidate that they view as the "lesser evil" rather than for who they might "really" want because they believe that to do otherwise would be throwing their vote away. With IRV you can vote for your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice! The concept of the wasted vote becomes a thing of the past!

For more information on Instant Runoff Voting visit: [www.instantrunoff.com](http://www.instantrunoff.com) or [www.fairvote.com/irv/index.html](http://www.fairvote.com/irv/index.html)

Please contact your Congressional representatives and urge them to support this important legislation! [www.house.gov/writerep](http://www.house.gov/writerep)

## LPCO OPENS SECOND ONLINE STORE

The Libertarian Party of Colorado is proud to announce the opening of a second online store, the LPCO BOOKSTORE, for its members. As with the first store it can be accessed through almost any page on the new, updated LPColorado website [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org) or by entering the address [www.lpcolorado.org/activists/bookstore.htm](http://www.lpcolorado.org/activists/bookstore.htm). The newest store is affiliated with Amazon.com, where anything that can be bought at Amazon.com can be purchased through the LPCO BOOKSTORE. Best of all when you purchase any item through Amazon.com, where you can find some of the lowest prices on merchandise available, a portion of the proceeds go to The Libertarian Party of Colorado to assist us with financing our operations. We have maintained the first and original LPCO STORE which can also be accessed through most of our web pages or by entering the address [www.cafepress.com/lpcoshop](http://www.cafepress.com/lpcoshop). Please help the party by shopping here first when possible.



## THE TAX MAN COMETH

by Deb Hamm

This being tax time, I felt compelled to insert some quotes to reflect that. A small sacrifice of my own blather, in favor of this. Lysander Spooner articulates what most people feel, but fear to say out of fear of retaliation. A scary thing in a so-called "free" society! Here is what he wrote in the 19th century *No Treason*:

"The highwayman ... does not pretend that he has any rightful claim to your money, or that he intends to use it for your own benefit. He does not pretend to be anything but a robber. He has not acquired impudence enough to profess to be merely a 'protector,' and that he takes men's money against their will, merely to enable him to 'protect' those infatuated travellers, who feel perfectly able to protect themselves, or do not appreciate his peculiar system of protection... Furthermore, having taken your money, he leaves you, as you wish him to do. He does not persist in following you on the road, against your will; assuming to be your rightful 'sovereign,' on account of the 'protection' he affords you. He does not keep 'protecting' you, by commanding you to bow down and serve him; by requiring you to do this, and forbidding you to do that; by robbing you of more money as often as he finds it for his interest or pleasure to do so; and by branding you as a rebel, a traitor, and an enemy to your country, and shooting you down without mercy, if you dispute his authority, or resist his demands. He is too much of a gentleman to be guilty of such impostures, and insults, and villanies as these. In short, he does not, in addition to robbing you, attempt to make you either his dupe or his slave."

"It is important to remember that government interference always means either violent action or the threat of such action. The funds that a government spends for whatever purposes are levied by taxation. And taxes are paid because the taxpayers are afraid of offering resistance to the tax gatherers. They know that any disobedience or resistance is hopeless. As long as this is the state of affairs, the government is able to collect the money that it wants to spend. Government is in the last resort the employment of armed men, of policemen, gendarmes, soldiers, prison guards, and hangmen. The essential feature of government is the enforcement of its decrees by beating, killing, and imprisoning. Those who are asking for more government interference are asking ultimately for more compulsion and less freedom." - Ludwig von Mises, *Human Action* [1949]

And then there's Any Rand: "if some men are entitled by right to the products of the work of others, it means that those others are deprived of rights and condemned to slave labor."

"It is morally wrong to take what doesn't belong to you. It is morally wrong to coercively interfere with the peaceful choices that people make in their lives. It is morally right that people be free to make whatever choices they wish so long as their conduct is peaceful, even if - or especially if - their choices are considered irresponsible or immoral." - Jacob Hornberger

## NORTHGLENN VOTERS EXERCISE FISCAL MUSCLES

by Chris Leinster, Denver LP Chair

The Libertarian Party of Colorado helped defeat a proposed \$32 million dollars taxpayer funded Recreation Center complete with an expansive workout facility, Olympic sized swimming pool, two NHL sized hockey arenas, three basketball courts, two racquetball courts, a climbing wall, an indoor lacrosse field, aerobics studio, senior center, and banquet facility. The city council of Northglenn, Colorado, a Denver suburb, first tried to slip the project through with a vote only by the council. Only after two successful citizen petition drives and a heated city council meeting did the council concede to a referendum with a special election held on January 18th. The City Council counted on low voter turnout with only gung-ho pro Rec Center citizens participating.

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## AFFILIATE'S PODIUM

### Jeffco Libertarians Help County Commissioner Do the Right Thing

by Mike Spalding, Jefferson County Libertarian Party Chair and Steven Gallant, LPCO Publications Director

Thanks to recall rumblings, District 3 Jefferson County Commissioner Rick Sheehan will be resigning February 28. The scandal-plagued commissioner began to feel the heat after two recall efforts were initiated.

Jefferson County Libertarian Party Chair Mike Spalding was the first to take out a recall election packet on Sheehan, followed a week later by Colorado Mills Mall developer Greg Stevinson. A Denver Post article about the impending recall efforts helped to unseat Sheehan.

"Sheehan is the pointy spike that is indicative of all the corruption that is in there (county government)," said Spalding in an interview with the Denver Post.

Spalding, who worked with Arapahoe County Libertarians to recall County Clerk Tracy Baker a year ago, had grown tired of Sheehan's involvement in the Pinky-T fax scandal and the use of county funds for Sheehan's legal bills.

The sexually explicit Pinky-T faxes were sent to citizen watchdog and whistleblower Mike Zinna, whose website, [jeffcoexposed.com](http://jeffcoexposed.com), has revealed a number of cases of corruption and malfeasance in county government. The faxes were intended to discredit Zinna by sending him on a wild goose chase in a search of a fabricated scandal. The source of the faxes used the name "Pinky-T" because the "informant" claimed to wear pink thong underwear. Evidence on Zinna's website indicated that Sheehan was involved in the effort to discredit Zinna.

Sheehan denied sending the faxes, placing the blame instead on his wife and other family members.

### New LP Affiliate Joins the Ranks

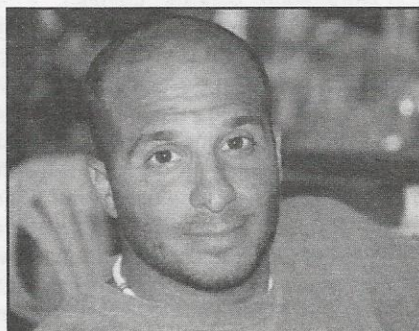
by Marc Guttman

The San Miguel County Libertarian Party had its first meeting on January 29. In attendance were Marc Guttman, Peter Muckerman, Eric Adolphi, Sheriff Bill Masters, and Coroner Bob Dempsey. Several other registered libertarians were out-of-town or otherwise would have been present.

A draft of our bylaws, which had been created by Peter Muckerman, was reviewed and edited. It will be offered to the voting membership on Saturday, March 5 for approval. The board of directors will also be elected on March 5. We nominated Eric Adolphi as our webmaster and he will be creating our site at [www.smclp.org](http://www.smclp.org)

We have had two letters to the editor published in the Telluride Daily Planet. We hope that they will advertise our organization in San Miguel County, gain us recognition and favor, and perhaps encourage national media to cover these stories.

Also, members will be placing Libertarian bumper stickers on their cars as advertisement and as a show of force so to speak. We plan to create our own SMCLP.ORG bumperstickers.



After the March 5th meeting we will purchase a PO box and open a bank account. Meetings will be announced in two papers, The Daily Planet & The Telluride Watch.

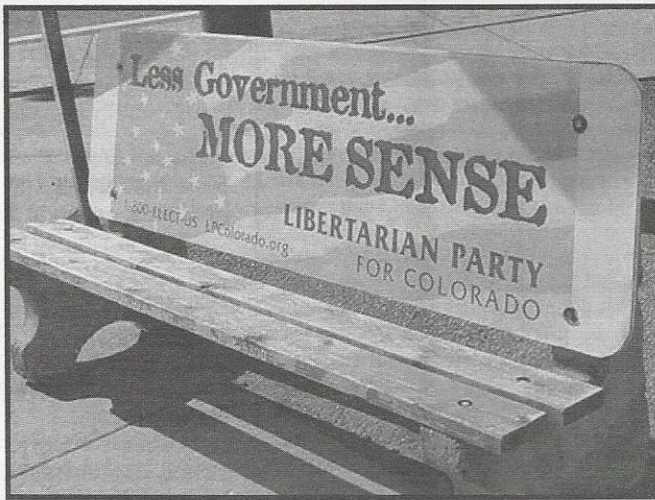
Marc Guttman, Chair  
San Miguel County LP

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## NO BUTTS ABOUT IT... BUS BENCH ADS MORE WIDESPREAD

Last year, the Libertarian Party of Colorado created the Bus Bench Ad Campaign for the purpose of generating *beautiful and eye-catching Libertarian Party advertisements* and placing them on bus benches throughout the state. Thanks to all the generous donors to the campaign, who have contributed upwards of \$3,000, we have been able to produce ten of the outstanding vinyl graphic you see here (thank you Tom Costello and Dae Knight) and maintain the ads on four benches so far (they average \$50 per month) mostly in the greater Denver metro area. **We just placed a new ad near Boulder** at the corner of hwy 93 & hwy 72! The graphics have been *valuable on parade floats* and at fair booths as well. You can view the same prize-winning graphic on our *T-shirts and cups* and bumperstickers at our online store at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org). We have reason to believe the presence of the ads were instrumental in **upsetting opposition major party incumbents** in at least one race where the ads were located, so they do make a difference. **The more often people see the word "Libertarian" in print, the more**



likely they are to want to approach us and get involved. We would like to produce another set of graphics with one of the runner-up graphics from last year's contest, and distribute them on more bus benches this year. We will need another \$5,000 to get decent saturation and guarantee we can continue the message. Please send your

check or credit card donation in the amounts of \$50 to \$1,000 to party headquarters on Brentwood and make sure you write "Bus Bench Ad" on the memo or contacts field. Please call Jim Frye (303)478-5144 for details to **get a bus bench ad in your neighborhood!**

### The LPCO introduces "Minuteman Alerts"

on the [lpcolorado.org](http://lpcolorado.org) web site (under "Activist's Corner")! These are small statewide or national Libertarian actions that anyone can do from home in about 10 minutes or less - such as signing an online letter to a Representative or an online petition. A new "Minuteman Alert" will be posted every week. Help strike a blow for liberty every week! If you have an idea for a "Minuteman Alert", e-mail the LPCO Legislative Director at: [LegislativeDirector@lpcolorado.org](mailto:LegislativeDirector@lpcolorado.org)

This newsletter was seriously tough (but fun), & some articles had to be edited for space, much to my lament. Let us know what you'd like to see included. Personally, I'd like more commentary on current issues. What do you think, Lib writers? - dHamm, editor

## RADIO MEDIA BLITZ

The **Libertarian Party of Colorado** has undertaken an *incredibly worthwhile new project* to get the Libertarian Party and its ideas in the public eye across the state. And YOU can participate! January 2005 the Media Blitz Committee was formed by the State Party Board of Directors and has been tasked with producing 30-second and 60-second commercials to hit the radio this year on stations throughout Colorado. These ads are likely to double LP membership in Colorado this year. **You can double this size of our party with your action today!** Here's what we need from all the party members who are still fluid

after paying are astutely finding (bill): Your check or credit card to the LP of Colorado to donate large amounts in the \$100 to \$10,000 dollar range, and make sure they are marked in the comments or memo section **"Media Blitz"**. All this money will go to contracts with radio stations throughout Colorado. *It might go to your favorite station that you mention with your generous pledge.* In the month of March, the radio commercials audio and text will be posted on-line at [www.lpcolorado.org](http://www.lpcolorado.org) and you will be able to listen to them and vote on your preferences there. You will also be able to contribute more amounts over and beyond what you send **when you sit down and contribute today.** So please, get out your checkbook and spend something now, and get ready to spend more money later. We are seeking **\$50,000 by November**, because radio advertisement only works if we keep it going. Contact Steve Gurner (303)755-2434 for details about the radio commercials and the plan for getting them **on the air where you live!**

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They didn't count on a small band of Colorado Libertarians to take action. State Legislative Director Rick Randall drafted a press release that was mentioned on at least one local radio station. "\$32 million was only the principle" explained Mr. Randall. "The interest on the debt would have pushed the total to over \$50 million- but don't look for that bit of information on the ballot or any other publication distributed by the city".

State Chairman Norm Olsen had a letter of opposition published in the local paper. Denver LP Chairman Chris Leinster called every private health club and family entertainment venue in the city to organize resistance among private business owners who would have suddenly found themselves in direct competition with a taxpayer subsidized facility. "I also telephoned hundreds of Independent registered voters in Northglenn" said Mr. Leinster. "Once I explained to them that my Bally's (private health club) membership costs me only \$132 per year while dues for the current Rec Center were a whopping \$275 it was an easy sell. This was also a great opportunity for outreach as I made a point to let everyone know that the Libertarian Party was fighting for their tax dollars and against government waste".

The Rec Center was defeated by only 12 votes. Hopefully there are a few more citizens who now understand that we would all be better able to afford health club, swimming club, or ice arena memberships if only the government would leave our paychecks alone.



## LPCO Convention Cont. from Page 1

the concert. LPDeCo is donating LP printed materials for distribution during the concert.

Inspired by our cousins in Leadville and suggested by WSLP member Suzanne Wise, WSLP/LPDeCo will host a reception at the Montrose Super 8 from 6-11 p.m., with a cash bar. This is a good opportunity to network and campaign. Montrose has an anti-smokers ordinance in place, but we hope to accommodate our guests who smoke - AND those who do not - during the reception.

You are invited to experience old fashioned Western hospitality at Jojo's Windmill Restaurant Saturday & Sunday mornings, when Jojo will be serving special breakfast items for our guests. By the way, admirers of Western collectibles and copperware will be treated to one of the finest collections on public display anywhere.

We have divided Saturday into three sessions: Morning, Afternoon and Night.

The Morning Session will feature speakers in conjunction with the Liberty Trade Fair for booksellers and other vendors. LPDeCo master baker John Messano will sell baked goods as a fundraiser (trust me, bread lovers, this is excellent news!). All featured speakers will have tables in the Liberty Trade Fair as well. Liberty Trade Fair is scheduled to close at 5:30 p.m. Friendship Hall includes a full service kitchen, so we will be inviting local 4-H groups to operate the kitchen as a fundraising opportunity from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

We are honored to host LP 2004 Presidential Candidate Michael Badnarik during the convention. When we first started working on speakers, Marc Guttman of the newly-formed San Miguel County LP contacted Michael to invite him to speak. LPDeCo Chair Debbie Schum is finalizing details for Michael's visit, which includes opportunities for Michael to teach his excellent course on the U.S. Constitution. Of course, Michael is our Morning Session Keynote Speaker. I want to acknowledge the effort WSLP's Mike Humbert is expending in lining up speakers as well. Thank you Marc, Debbie and Mike.

In addition, Renee Matlock will present "Reforming the child protection racket." We are working on a forum or debate with members of the Green Party to cap the Morning Session. We have invited speakers from Club 20 and the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association to speak on their organizations and the roles they play in Western Colorado.

The Afternoon Session is devoted mainly to the LPCO Business Meeting. We know some of you will want to stay only for the day, so, based on a recommendation from LPCO Chair Norm Olsen, the LPCO Business Meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. with doors open to the conference room at 12:30. Norm said he expects to be able to conclude the meeting at or before 5 p.m. If you need to register for the Business Meeting please contact LPCO to do so.

The Night Session consists of the Wild West Liberty Fest Chuck Wagon Banquet followed by the Western Dance. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. and will feature entertainment by cowboy poet Jim Peters and our Banquet Keynote Speaker Boston T. Party, a Western Colorado favorite. After the chuck wagon closes down you're invited to dance to the music of Paul Nystrom and the Z-Bar Wranglers, also a Western Colorado favorite. These are our main fundraisers. Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for the banquet and \$15 for the dance. Please use the advance ticket order form at the bottom of the display ad in this issue of "Liberty."

Now, because we enjoy your company we don't want you rushing off, so we are planning events for Sunday as fundraisers for our individual affiliates we hope you will enjoy. WSLP will conduct a shooting event near Montrose with guest instructor Boston T. Party. LPDeCo will host a fishing event in Delta County, details are pending. LPDeCo will also offer a guided hike and picnic on the majestic Grand Mesa. Please see [www.lpc02005.org](http://www.lpc02005.org) for

## Do You Want More Freedom?

### You Can Do It!

We're working hard to create a more Libertarian society, but we need your help

**The number one** thing you can do is register to vote as a Libertarian. You can ask friends and family to register as Libertarian too.

**You can** volunteer to help with outreach and mailings. It's a great way to share ideas with like-minded people.

**You can** write letters to the editor of your local paper supporting libertarian ideas. Many small papers love to receive letters from the community.

**You can** run for office. If you don't think you have the skills, attend one of the Party's training seminars. We will teach you everything you need to know.

**You can** become a dues paying member of the Libertarian Party. Your \$25 membership includes National and State dues.

**You can** purchase a Bus Bench Ad. Imagine seeing a bold Libertarian ad on a bus bench in your neighborhood.

**You can** join the 1776 Club, our monthly pledge program. These regular dollars help us keep a newsletter in your hands and support our small office.

**You can** donate funds to the State party. All of our projects from membership outreach to candidate training is dependent on your voluntary donations.

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\* To join the Libertarian Party, please use the form available at:  
[www.lp.org/action/join](http://www.lp.org/action/join).

details as they become available.

We thank the board for the confidence it has expressed in us by providing us with this rare, historic, opportunity. May this convention serve to unify and renew our beloved Libertarian Party.



# Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

## Free State Project What is the Project About?

*The Free State Project* is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

## Free State Project Liberty in Our Lifetime

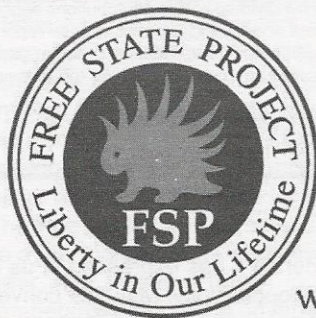
*We don't want to wait decades* for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

## Free State Project Where & Why?

*The state where we will move* was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

## Free State Project Get Involved!



*Join the Free State Project* and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at [www.freestateproject.org](http://www.freestateproject.org). Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

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## No Child Left Unmedicated

In April 2002, President George W. Bush on Executive Order created the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. This commission has recommended the universal mandatory mental-health screening of all school age children, and eventually all U.S. citizens. In November 2004 a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives that would appropriate \$20 million to create the infrastructure of a program that would begin the screening of all school age children for mental illness. Details and editorials can be found at: <http://thelibertycommittee.org/screeningkidsbackground.htm>

Congressman Ron Paul, MD (R-TX), concerned over the possibility of parents being found negligent for refusing mandatory screening or medicating their children, explained that the federal government was overstepping its constitutional constraints and initiating force against its citizens. His efforts exposed the issue of undermining parents' rights, but was unable to dissuade the majority of our representatives from voting this bill into law.

Fortunately, Congressman Paul introduced the Parental Consent Act of 2005 (H.R. 181) on the 1st day of the 109th Congress. Simply, this bill would prohibit the use of federal funds for any universal mental-health screening of our children. A petition urging House Speaker Dennis Hastert and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to quickly schedule a vote on H.R. 181 that may be signed at: [www.thelibertycommittee.org/pcpetition.htm](http://www.thelibertycommittee.org/pcpetition.htm).

The SMCLP encourages you to urge your U.S. representative to cosponsor H.R. 181 and help Congressman Paul overthrow this authoritarian legislation.

Sincerely, The San Miguel County Libertarian Party

## Gilmore's Grounds for Liberty

John Gilmore is "grounded" for refusing to produce an ID so he can fly. A "gate keeper" asked for his ID. He asked why. It is the law, she said. Gilmore asked to see the law. No one produced it then, nor since. The regulation that mandates ID's at airports is "Sensitive Security Information." If "ignorance of the law is no excuse"... why is this "law" so secret?

Gilmore, employee No. 5 at Sun Microsystems, cracked the government's premier security code. After leaving Sun he started his own firm, sold it for "gazillions", and gives to causes like drug law reform, standardize computer voting machines, and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. [www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org)

His trips to DC became court battles, and his question began an argument intended for the Supreme Court. He worries about the fine line between safety and tyranny: "Are they just basically saying we just can't travel without identity papers? If that's true, then I'd rather see us go through a real debate that says we want to introduce required identity papers in our society rather than trying to legislate it through the back door through regulations that say there's not any other way to get around. Basically what they want is a show of obedience. They have all these secret laws!...with magnetometers... guards with security wands, fortified cockpit doors and sky marshals abounding," He speculates on how much we give up as we hand a driver's license to a third party... where it's fed into a database we can't see (but Canada & Mexico can), to meet a law we're not allowed to read.

"...The 911 hijackers had drivers licenses. Knowing someone's identity adds less to a security than it takes away from a traveler's protection from authority that might oppress simply because it can." - Deb Hamm

Excerpts from: [www.postgazette.com/05058/462446.stm](http://www.postgazette.com/05058/462446.stm)

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## Freedom Restricted

On Feb 10, 2005, the House of Representatives passed HR. 418, Real ID Act by a vote of 261 to 161. Our representative, John T. Salazar (D-Colo. 3rd) voted in favor of the legislation.

On first thought, a mandatory national ID standard may not seem like a much further intrusion on our privacy by the federal government than we already suffer. On further evaluation, however, the bill that the House and Mr. Salazar have just passed and are sending to the Senate to be made law, further restricts our freedoms in the name of security, expressively securing our borders.

HR 418 was promoted as legislation that will stem the flow of illegal aliens, thus protecting us from those meaning to terrorize America. In this attempt, the legislation mandates that states include certain minimum identification standards on driver's licenses and contains no check on the federal government's power to impose additional standards. Citizens of any state that chooses to opt out of these costly and intrusive requirements will be unable to have dealings with the federal government and will be unable to fly or travel by train commercially.

It is reasonable to predict that these ID cards will be used to track American citizens when traveling overseas and within the U.S. and many suspect that any number of mandatory checkpoints will be created around the country.

This legislation also creates a federal database of highly personal information on American citizens to be shared with Canada and Mexico. While most of us have a serious sense that our federal government has the ability to gather any information it wishes on any of us, this legislation makes the gathering of a great deal of this information legal and common, with no specific restrictions.

HR 418 also authorizes the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to unilaterally expand the information included in driver's licenses. Some have postulated the possibility of required information including such biometric information as retina scans and DNA information and even radio frequency identification (RFID) tracking technology. One carrying a driver's license with RFID can be tracked and located easily.

Other opponents of the Real ID Act raise concern over the "broad definition of terrorism" included in the bill, that they worry can include constitutionally protected special-interest groups. The organizations singled out would depend on who holds the government power at a given time.

Proponents of HR 418 say we must "make sacrifices" like this to control our borders and fight illegal immigration. The San Miguel County Libertarian Party denounces this sacrifice of our liberties for a false security. A foreign policy of nonintervention, peace, and free trade would serve and protect us and the world significantly better than an authoritarian police state. We prefer our federal protective agencies utilized its resources to capture and restrain violent criminals rather than punishing law-abiding citizens.

Please do not view our statement as overzealous, anti-government paranoia, but rather responsible research and reporting of potentially damaging and unjust federal government action. We aim to encourage our community to participate in our constitutional republic and shun political apathy. Please contact your senators and help prevent this legislation from being enacted.

Sincerely,

San Miguel County - Libertarian Party [www.smclp.org](http://www.smclp.org)

See Ron Paul's speech on the anti-freedom National ID:  
[www.lewrockwell.com/paul/paul234.html](http://www.lewrockwell.com/paul/paul234.html)

*"The First Amendment is often inconvenient. But that is beside the point. Inconvenience does not absolve the government of its obligation to tolerate speech" - Justice Anthony Kennedy (1936 - )*





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